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HUMAN MARROW STROMAL

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a Three-month extension of time to and including December 5, 2002, for responding to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002 (Paper No. 8). A Response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Billing No. 053844-5006-00) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Extension fee in the amount of \$460.00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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